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IRONTON, MISSOURI

Purity of thought evolves purity of

saved Socrates.

Russia, fortunately, has a perfect climate for nipping conspiracies, Even the challenges by Sir Thomas

Lipton have not yet become auto-All true patriots should give Ad-

miral Evans absent treatment for his rheumatism

If tough luck is the inspiration for Mark Twain, misfortune has points of merit worth high praise. Pardon the apparent irrelevancy of

the query, but is not a mosquito also a purveyor of living music? The bargain counter crushes make

the trade depression look like a nightmare that met its death in infancy.

Spain is to have a new \$80,000,000 navy, to be built in England. Under the circumstances, we could hardly expect part of the order.

The New York wigmakers appear to have won their strike without making any threats that they would jerk the entire population bald-headed,

A French army transport has run ashore. The army naturally doesn't intend to let the navy get the better of it in the matter of disarmament. That woman defendant who threw

ancient eggs at the judge probably was surprised when even that act was not accepted as proof of her innocence.

If it is not thought wise to create a new cabinet officer why not make the proposed national health bureau a department under the secretary of the Interior?

Bibulous Georgians will now have to devise new methods of getting it when they want it. Bibulous necessity knows no law, and is the mother of invention.

When it comes to preparing to begin to make ready to send a challenge, Sir Thomas Lipton has our most distinguished prize fighters hanging

Probably it required millions of years to produce the potato bug, useless, and worse than useless, as it seems to be. Science is wonderful, but discouraging.

An automobile seems to be easy prey for a sneak thief. The more like a tramp the driver looks the more are observers inclined to think he is the millionaire owner.

And still another iconoclast charges that Washington did not write his remains to demonstrate that George will be closed. was a myth anyhow.

Mark Twain is said to have had \$51,199 in one of the New York banks which shut up during the panic. If so, this will furnish an interesting chapter in his aubiography.

The pure-food experts of Pennsyl-All the heroes, ready and willing to convicted in the circuit court and the die for their country, are not confined jury, after deliberating five hours, asto the army and navy.

King Oscar of Sweden left an estate of only six and a quarter mil-Some of his former subjects now in the United States must have beaten him 40 lengths.

Nevertheless, it must be admitted that three or four of the American his father. heiresses who bought titled husbands are still living with them. But they are supposed to be exceptionally

As an Alabama senator explains it the south is going "dry" in order to keep liquor from the colored man. Then will there or will there not be a color line when it comes to enforce-

A butler with \$17,000 worth of diamonds in his possession has been arrested in the east. If he can prove that at some former time he was a head waiter somewhere, it's a cinch

A New York juror threw a fit the other day during a court trial. New York lawyers are the limit, but this is the first time a juror has had the courage to express his opinion of them in an adequate manner.

The Prince de Sagan says he would have challenged Count Boni de Castellane to fight a duel if the count had struck him with his glove in the face. As Boni merely knocked him down and kicked him into the gutter, the prince considers the count to be unworthy of notice. We cannot help regarding the prince as the world's leading unconscious humorist.

Burglars are prowling around promiscuously at all hours of the night. seemingly not the least bit afraid that they will meet up with leap-year proposals when they are looking only for lewelry. There are various ways of making a living in this diversified world, but some occupations appear to be extra hazardous. The sedate and thelorly burglar would feel cheap If instead of being hauled to the police station he were ignominiously dragged at break of day to the marriage license dow and made to pass the civil service examination there provided.

A chair pusher in Atlantic City found \$400 and got a reward of 12 cents for returning it to its owner. Next time he should find \$1,000, as that might bring him as much as 25 cents and make the adventure worth

Editor Harden of Berlin said he was sponsible for what he wrote, but not for the interpretation other people placed upon his writings. A good edtor generally takes care that what writes can have only one inter-

Iron County Register GUARDING POWDER

U. S. NAVAL MAGAZINE AT YONA ISLAND THREATENED.

MARINES WATCH EVERY APPROACH

Still, a pure-food law might have Letter Foreboding Blowing Up of Over Three Million Pounds of Explosives is Received.

> New York-In a letter signed "Black Hand" and addressed to Commander Brausrueter, in charge of the United States naval magazine at Iona Island, the threat is made that the enormous stores of smokeless powder on the island will be blown up unless the married men discharged from employment on the island Jan. 1, 1908, be put back to work at once. There are 3,000,000 pounds of smokeless powder and other explosives stored in the numerous magazines.

Secret service men are working to discover the identity of the writer of the letter. Printed by hand, the letter was mialed at the Haverstraw postoffice two weeks ago. It was as follows:

"If the married men that were discharged from lona Island are not taken back again at once, all the magazines on the island will be blown up. The writer does not fear death.

(Signed) "Black Hand." On Jan. 1 between 30 and 40 men, civilians, who had been employed on the island, were discharged owing to delay in forwarding funds from Washington to continue work. This delay was looked upon at the time as temporary and it was understood the men would be taken back as soon as the money arrived.

Among the men discharged, most of whom were laborers, were many Itallans and Sicilians.

Since the receipt of the letter every approach to the island has been guarded day and night by marines. It is said, and the civilians employed have been kept under the strict surveillance

lona Island is seven miles south of West Point.

WILL USE MORE OPERATORS.

Rock Island and Santa Fe Will Increase Their Wire Force.

Topeka, Kas.-Both the Rock Island and the Santa Fe railroads will increase their force of operators to comply with the new federal ninehour law. At a meeting of Rock Island superintendents here it was decided to increase the operators in this, the Southern, district by 56. Approval of this action has been received from Chicago. The superintendents of the eastern grand division of the Santa Fe met last week and decided on an increase and are now working to learn the number of new men allowed by the officials in Chicago. Officials here justly famous farewell address. It now declare none of the smaller stations

KILLED FATHER; FINED \$500.

Linn (Mo.) Son Used Gun Barrel When Family Was Attacked.

Linn, Mo.-Julius Klebba, who killed his father, Bernard Klebvania have tested 83 breakfast foods. ba, last August, was tried and ed a fine of \$500. the case developed that the elder Klebba was on a protracted spree, and at such times was very quarrelsome, and often threatened the lives of his son and family. He attacked his son with a club and, being hard pressed. the son seized a gun barrel and killed

German Is Stillman Lecturer.

New Haven, Conn.-The Yale corporation has appointed to the Stillman lectureship for next year, Prof. Albrecht F. K. Penck, professor of geography in the University of Berlin, Prussia. This is the most important Yale lectureship of the year, endowed with about \$85,000, the income of which goes to the incumbent of the

Burglars Greeted with Shot. Paris, Tex.-When burglars entered the store of Floyd & Mauldin at Hugo, they found the proprietor armed with a shotgun waiting. They were told to surrender, and failing to obey, the

store owner fired, wounding two. One of the burglars was a resident of Roane. Crows Swarm Cemetery. Milan, Tenn.-The superstitious are predicting some disaster because thousands of crows have made the city cemetery their home. So thick are

birds' weight. Stork Makes Court Wait. Bristol, Tenn,-As a result of a visit of the stork of Chancellor Hal H. Haynes, no court was held for a week,

the crows that several limbs have

been broken from the trees by the

Hatfield Dies of Exposure. Louisa, Ky,-Tom Hatfield, who was caught by feud enemies in the mountains along Trigg river, in West Virginia, two weeks ago, bound to a tree and left to die of exposure, and who was found by a traveler and brought

here, is dead. Metal Workers Organized. Galveston, Tex.-The Texas State Master Sheet Metal Workers' Association has been organized here. San Antonio was selected as the place for

Whalers Sail for the North San Francisco-The Arctic whaling fleet, consisting of seven steam vessels, is fitting out for a cruise in Rebring sea and beyond Point Barrow. The first of them got away last week. Several other vessels will follow with-

Watch for Sunbaam Evangelist. Bridgeton, N. J.-Miss Naomi Seitzinger of Philadelphia, the "sunbeam evangelist," who has just finished ber work here, was presented with a gold A FRENCH JOURNALIST INTERVIEWS MR. MORGAN AND GIVES



BOY ROASTED ALIVE

ILLINOIS LEGISLATIVE COMMIT-TEE HORRIFIED.

VICTIM'S OFF EARS DROP

Parents Tell of Brusque Refusal of Charities Board Head to Investigate.

Chicago, Ill.-Members of the leginvestigating committee gasped at the story of the injuries received by Frank R. Giroux, the 17year-old epileptic, burned last December in the Lincoln Home for Incurable

President Moulton of the State Civil (the Doctor) to a "course of sprouts" because he refused to shape his answers to favor the institution.

Parents of Boy Testify. Mr. and Mrs. Ben M. Giroux, parents of the boy, told the committee of the injuries the boy sustained, the attempts of the attendants to conceal the facts and the brusque treatment they received at the hands of officials

Giroux testified that when he telephoned Dr. Frank G. Billings, President of the State Board of Charities. and asked him to investigate the case Lr. Billings exclaimed: "I have no time to run around looking at children.

Giroux explained the circumstances and repeated the request. He says he repeated his first remark, prefacing it with "I can't help that." He declares Dr. Billings hung up the re- Harriman, as against Stuyvesant Fish, ceiver when he tried to tell more about the case.

Boy Roasted Alive. Dr. Lambden testified the lad was 'not burned, but roasted alive." Twenty square inches of flesh was cooked to the "second degree," he said. "One holders in this city on March 2. side of the lad's face, his throat and) his ear were baked, and his ear dropped off. The backs of his hands were

burned," the witness declared. Although 92 days have elapsed and the boy's parents and relatives first supplied skin from their own bodies for grafting, the wounds are still sloughing and have defeated all cura

tive measures. Mrs. Giroux's evidence was a series of sensational accusations. She declared she found "boys in the Lincoln posts, breathing horrible stenches bedrooms that smelled worse than the stock yards."

Kansas Instructs for Bryan. Hutchinson, Kas.-Kansas democrats in state convention here Friday morning unanimously adopted a esolution instructing delegates to the Denver convention, both state and congressional, to "east a solid vote for the nomination of William J. Bryan for

President of the United States." Fourteen Killed in England. Newcastle-on-Tyne, England-Fourexplosion in the workings.

Nebraska Congressman III. Spartanburg, S. C.-Representative E. H. Hinshaw of Nebraska, who was taken ill while returning from the fu- Arthur and Fort Williams, who have neral of Senator Latimer and taken to a sanitarium in this city, is someable to leave for Washington for sev- at enormous cost. eral days.

20.000-Acre Ranch Is Sold. Miles City, Mont .-- The A. B. Clark ranch, one of the largest in Montana, road to a New York trust company comprising 20,700 acres, has been sold to W. H. Dye of Indianapolis.

Rescued Only t. Be Killed. Pittsburg-Saved from drowning after a terrible struggle in the icy water of the Monongahela river at Elizabeth, Pa., only to be run down and killed by a train on reaching and five companions, entered the shore was the fate of J. W. Draper F. B. Garrett, two government employes at lock No. 8.

Physicians Are Kept Busy. busy day and night in this emmunity | lel Souder by carting home because of an epidemic of grip. So goods that had been levied on. Tomfa there have been no deaths.

AOKI IS DISGRACED.

His Attitude on Immigration Considered Little Short of Treason.

Tokio-Upon the immigration companies' success in their campaign to stir up opposition to the proposed Japanese-American immigration agreement depends the continued existence of the present cabinet.

That a resolution of censure will be introduced in the diet seems certain, and, while its defeat is still probable, the margin will assuredly be so narrow that the government can not conceal its uneasiness.

The ministry is not disguising its anger at the attitude of former Ambas-Children, as related at Wednesday's sador Aoki, who is openly accused o' lending countenance to the anti-agreement party. The government is said ervice Board was accused by Dr. to have known for some time that Aoki Frank W. Lambden, surgeon of the has been friendly with the opposition German Hospital, with treating him leaders, and it is to this that the press is attributing the Mikado's failure 'to grant him a personal audience or to receive his personal report concerning doings in Washington during the closing days of his service there. The snub is so marked that it can not be overlooked, but, considering the official position he held, the government plainly considers his present attitude as little short of treason to its interest, and no attempt is made to concest the fact that his influence in official

HARRIMAN WINS CONTEST.

Litigation Over Balance of Power Voting Strength Decided.

Chicago-Control of the Illinois Central railway virtually passed to E. H. under the decision of Judge Ball in the superior court here Thursday morning. If present conditions of the contest are not changed, ratification will take place at the adjourned annual meeting of the railway's stock-

Judge Ball not only dissolved the Fish injunction, but he settled the more important point that foreign corporations may hold and vote stocks in Illinois corporations. Had the decision been otherwise, \$400,000,000 worth of Illinois stocks would have been invalidated.

Diamond Jubilee Off.

Vienna-The diamond jubilee pageants planned for next spring in Home like skeletons, bound and tied to the Emperor Francis Joseph's honor have been abandoned on the statement of his majesty's physicians that their patient has not yet fully recovered from his illness of several months ago. The fatigues of an outdoor celebration and the entertainment of foreign royalties, they say, would involve grave results.

One Killed in Freight Wreck. Bellaire, Ohio-Harry Diday is dead and John Hollingshead and Samuel Smith are probably fatally injured as a result of a Baltimore & Ohio freight train calaboose jumping teen out of 16 men at work the track at Glencoe, near here, and in the Globe Colliery, in the village of turning over, late Thursday afternoon. Washington, were killed Friday by an The men were members of the freight

> Italians' Plot Discovered. Winnipeg, Man.-It has just come to light that certain Italians at Port

been employed as laborers, attempted to blow up the huge Canadian Northwhat better, though he will not be ern railway coal docks, recently built \$50,000,000 Mortgage Filed. Wiehlta, Kas.-A mortgage for \$50, 000,000 given by the Missouri Pacific

> was filed here. The mortgage runs for 30 years and bears 6 per cent." Turns Wedding Into Riot. Butler, Pa.—Resentful at not being invited to the wedding of Miss Rhino Baski and Stephen Papaski, Stanley Rachley, the bride's rejected suito

house by force and interrupted the

ceremony. Replevined His Goods, Jailed. Vineland, N. J.-Boniface Tomasso, Midway, Ky .- Physicians are kept a farmer, tried to outwit Sheriff Danasso's arrest was ordered.

NEWS OF CONGRESS

DOINGS OF PEOPLE'S REPRESEN-TATIVES AT WASHINGTON.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED

Concise Report of Measures In troduced and What Action Is Taken on Them

Bill for Protecting Aliens. Washington-A favorable report was offered Friday by the house committee on the judiciary on the bill for protecting aliens. The measure provides that if two or more persons con spire to injure, oppress, threaten or intimidate any person in the free exercise or enjoyment of any rights due him by the constitution or laws of the United States or because of his having exercised the same, they shall be fined not more than \$500 or imprisoned not more than ten years or both. Favorable action was taken at the request of the state department.

Washington-Seven Filipinos may States military academy, according to a bill passed by the senate Friday. Bill to Increase Steerage Air Space. Washington-A bill increasing the air space devoted to steerage passen-

Filipinos May Study Military Tactics.

on immigration was Friday called up by Senator Lodge and passed by the senate. The act is to take effect Jan. Mr. Lodge, in explaining the bill. cited conditions of immigrants in relation to air space, showing that by this bill steerage passengers will have better accommodations in American vessels than those of any nation except Great Britain, which are about

Consul Bill Favorably Reported.

equal to those provided for by the

Washington-An official step to ward the acquirement by this govern ment of grounds and buildings of the consulates at all insular points in China, Japan and Korea, excepting Mukden, Harbin, Dalny and Tsingtau, was taken Friday when the house committee on foreign affairs voted to re port favorably the Perkins bill approprinting \$1,373,643 for this purpose.

Give Deep Waterway Hearing. Washington-The committee on rivers and harbors of the house gave a hearing on the bill introduced by Mr. Davey of Louisiana to provide for the construction and operation of a deep waterway between the cities of Chicago and St. Louis. James A. Seddon and Robert Gaylord, both of Chicago, spoke in favor of the bill. The measure authorizes the secretary of war to enter into contracts with the Joliet Power Co., the Ottawa Power Companies of Illinois and with the Baden Power Co. of Missouri for the construction and operation of combined waterway and power development in the Des Plaines, the Illinois and the Mississippi rivers between Chicago and St. Louis. The government is to pay the whole cost of the work and for this purpose \$60,000,000 is appropriated, for which the secretary of the treasury is authorized to issue 2 per ent bonds to run for a period of fifty

Would Enlarge Homesteads. Washington-Representative Mondell of Wyoming Friday introduced a bill providing an enlarged homestead in the states of Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, North Dakota, South Dakota, Oregon, Utah and Wyoming and the territories of Arizona and New Mexico by allowing any person who is a qualified entryman under the homestead laws of the United States, to enter upon 320 acres of land, not exempt by law.

Favors Upbuilding of Navy Washington-Senator Perkins of California Fridaly spoke in the senate in justification of expenditures for the upbuilding of the American navy and of the policy of sending the fleet into the Pacific ocean. He reviews the achievements of the navy and declared that it was the most popular branch of the government service.

Bill on Alaskan Government. Washington-A bill was introduced by Mr. Cale, delegate from Alaska, to establish a territorial government in Alaska.

Favor Steenerson Militia Bill. Washington-The Steenerson bill to promote the efficiency of the militia was ordered favorably reported by the house committee on militia. The bill as amended by the committee divides the militia organizations of the several states and territories into two distinct classes, one to be known as the national guard and the other as the reserve militia.

Murderous Robbers Routed. El Paso, Tex.-A dispatch from Chihuahua says that two policemen were attacked by bullion robbers at the

Santo Domingo mine in Santa Eulalia

district, state of Chihuahua, Mex., and

after a fight were both killed. Fail of Coal Kills Athlete. Shenandoah, Pa.-John Sunderland, aged 29, one of the best amateur baseball pitchers in this section, a well-known basketball and football player, was instantly killed by a fall of coal.

Bids for Women's Favor. New York-Declaring that a mistress is justified in slapping, or even kicking, a servant girl for impertinence, Recorder Lazarus of Bayonne has made himself solid with the housewives of that town.

Saved by Wooden Leg.

Plymouth, Mass.-A one-legged mar folled two desperate thugs here and after beating the highwaymen unconscious held them until the police arrived and took them to the police sta-

NEWS OF MISSOURI

State School Report Issued.

Jefferson City-The state superintendent of schools, Mr. Goss, has is sued his first annual report. He believes that the country schools are most in need of help, and gives special attention to them. He advocates an efficient county superintendent, whose duty it will be to visit the schools, inspect the work, help to bet ter organization, classification and grading of the work, encourage pupils to remain in school until graduation and promotion to high school

Hungry Man Kills Self.

Aurora-William Beaver, aged, 64 years, a teamster of this city, committed suicide by shooting himself. Upon an examination of conditions in his home, it was found that for many days the family had subsisted on bread and water. Starvation, it is alleged, was the cause of suicide. He left a wife and six children. The tragedy comes as a complete shock to the charity organizations and citizens of receive instruction in the United the city, who had no idea of the deplorable conditions.

Passenger Escapes Wrecking. Sedalia-An attempt to derail an ast-bound fast passenger train on the Missouri Pacific railroad, evidently for gers on ocean vessels, which has been the purpose of robbery was made at favorably reported by the committee Otterville, twenty miles east of here A rail was removed. The bad place in the track was struck by an extra freight train from St. Louis. The freight was wrecked and Robert H Johnson, engineer. Eugene Rugaa, fire man, and Hugh Harvey, head brakeman, were seriously injured.

Shoots Former Employer.

Sedalia-Three shots were fired at J. W. Butters, proprietor of a local cafe, by a discharged employe. All the bullets went wild. Butters was called into an alley in the rear of his place of business by the former employe, who drew a revolver and fired after a quarrel, in which a baker who worked in the cafe came to Butters' assistance.

Girl Ends Life with Rat Poison.

New Cambria-Miss Ora Menden hall, daughter of Stephen Mendennall, a well-to-do farmer of this vicinity, committed suicide at her home by taking rat poison. Miss Mendenhall had been grieving over the ceath of her brother, who was killed several months ago, while working on the railroad as brakeman

Two Men Shot in Hotel.

Kansas City-James P. Hayes, agent of the Traders' Dispatch, with offices in the Board of Trace building in this city, and John O'Donnel, a well-known wholesale and retall cigar dealer, were shot and seriously wound ed by J. D. Cosby, proprietor of the Cosby hotel, in the office of the hotel.

Former St. Louisan Dies.

Festus-John Nicholas Conn. 88 years old, died at his home, eight miles south of Festus. He was formerly in business in St. Louis and is survived by five children in St. Louis and is survived by five children, two of whom, Mrs. Jane Walsh and Mrs. enie Grable, reside there now.

Brakeman Dies of Injures. Melva - F. M. McNamara, a brakeman on the White River railroad, was run over by a train here. Both legs were severed near the body. He was taken to Crane, but lived only a few hours. The body was taken to his home at Cotter, Ark. He leaves a wife and two children.

Gives Carbolic Acid to Father. Kansas City-Collvin Gibbons, 65 years old, fainted at his home here and Mrs. Laura Sharp, his daughter, seized a bottle of medicine and poured part of the contents down his throat to revive him. The medicine was carbolle acid. Gibbons died within halt an hour.

Woman Adjudged Insane. St. James-Judges Pinto and Smith of St. James and Daulsell of Rolla convened court to inquire into the sanity of Mrs. Pruett of Spring Creek township. She was adjudged insane and Sheriff Marling took her to Farming asylum.

Man Asks \$15,000 for Eye.

Aurora-Walter P. Farrer brought suit against the Frisco railroad in the Howell county circuit court for \$15,000 damages for the loss of his right eye. The accident occurred at Sapulpa, Okla., Nov. 2.

Veteran Business Man Dead. St. Louis-George Wiegand, aged 14. president of the St. Louis Stamping Co., dled at his home, 4937 Forest

Park boulevard. He had been in busi-

ness in St. Louis more than 40 years. Frisco Brakeman Killed. St. Louis-Fred Fuller, a brakeman of Newburg, Mo., slipped from the icecoated platform of the Frisco station at Valley park, and slid under the wheels of a string of freight cars. Both his legs were cut off and his hands were mangled. He died an hour

Audrain Pioneer Dead. Mexico-T. W. Atkins, and old and highly respected citizen, died here. He was one of the pioneer residents of Audrain county.

Girl Crushed by Falling Lumber. Springfield-While playing on a pile of lumber at a sawmill near Bryant, little Clara, the 8-year-old daughter of J. W. Sawyer, lost her footing and fell, the heavy boards toppling on her and crushing her skull.

Engine Ditched, Fireman Hurt. Poplar Bluff-Claud Leach, an Iron Mountain fireman, was seriously in jured in the yards here. His engine left the track and was thrown to the ground. Four ribs were broken and be was badly scalded.

OPPOSED TO REFORM

MEN URGING TARIFF COMMISSION SHOW THEIR HANDS.

National Grange Evidently is Being: Misrepresented in the Matter-Standpatters at Work to Block Any Changes.

Representatives of the National Association of Manufacturers, the National Grange and numerous other national and local associations called on President Roosevelt a few days ago: to urge him to recommend the passage of the Beveridge bill to create a tariff commission. President Van Cleave of the Manufacturers' association declared: "We are urging the appointment of a tariff commission, not as revisionists, but as stanch protectionists. It is my own belief and that of the National Association of Manufacturers, and the large number of organizations. which indorse the immediate appointment of a commission that such a commission is absolutely necessary in order to protect the business interests of the country from the harmful effects of a continued partisan agitation. for tariff revision during the campaign.

If such is the purpose of these associations, it would seem they are opposed to real tariff revision and are pushing the commission plan on purpose to prevent tariff reform, or at all events to postpone it. The National Grange, which at its last annual meeting declared in favor of tariff reform, is evidently being misrepresented by its officials when they join in this attempt to postpone reform, and the great majority of the members of the subordinate granges throughout the country should call them to account and insist on the tariff reform program. adopted at the last meeting of the National Grange: "That we believe that the general welfare of the country demands an exhaustive and thorough tariff revision, and that the tariff beremoved from every article that is. continuously being sold in foreign. markets cheaper than at home.

"Resolved, That we urge upon the members of the granges throughout the United States to take speedy action and use every influence at their command to secure the carrying out of the sentiments of these resolu-

The National Boot and Shoe Manufacturers' association was also represented amongst those who called uponthe president, and that they did not represent the largest manufacturerof boots and shoes in the United States any more than the grange officials represented the demands of the members of the National Grange is equally apparent. For in a letter from-Mr. H. E. Miles, one of the board of directors of the National Association, of Manufacturers, to Gov. W. L.

Douglas of Brockton, Mass., he said: "I write to ask that there be present a representative of the shoe interest, and as a matter of politics, I suggest that he be not known particularly as a. Democrat. It is a business proposition and no room for party consideration of any kind. At the same time you know how some smart politician might play upon the fact if there were

Democratic leaders among us." But Gov. Douglas, although the products of his factories are protected by the tariff, is an ardent tariff reformer, and he replied through his secretary that "I am quite sure the governor is not in favor of the appointment of a tariff commission. He very much prefers the immediate revision of the tariff and the elimination of at least some of the schedules that are admittedly farcical. I inclose you the governor's latest interview in New York World of the 16th instant, which will thoroughly explain his position in the matter, and under separate cover I mail you a copy of his addresses and call your special attention to his address to the president at Washington while acting as chairman of the committee of the National Association of Boot and Shoe Manufac-

turers." All this shows how the question of a tariff commission is being fostered by the standpatters, with the evident intent of postponing tariff revision indefinitely, or, at least, to a more con-

venient season. From the experience of what former tariff commissions accomplished and the years consumed in deliberations. another commission could and probably would play into the hands of the standpatters who now control congress.

Fighting "Honest Graft." Senator La Follette has introduced. in the United States senate and Mr. Cary in the house a bill "to prohibit. the giving to or receipt by officials of telegraph or telephone franks." bill provides for imprisonment or finor both and is intended to destroy the last link that has bound officials tocorporations through such favors. Democrats of both houses will undoubtedly favor its passage, and such

few Republicans as are free from corporation entanglements.

Democrats Responsible. Just as we expected it has at last been discovered that the Democrats. are responsible for the panic, according to that undoubted authority the Milwaukee News, which declares: "If it hadn't been for Bryan, Roosevelt. might have stuck to Republican policles." We have noticed there has been considerable emulation between those two leaders for something new in the way of politics, but doubt whether Mr. Roosevelt would have stuck to anything long enough to entitle it to be called a "policy.

Republicans Inderse Graft. There are 37 criminal suits pending against Republican politicians of Pennsylvania, including former state officers, contractors, etc., charging them with conspiracy to cheat and defraud the state in the building and furnishing of the state capitol. Yet a large majority of the people of Pennsylvania vote the Republican ticket and keep the party of graft in

power. Turn the rascals out. German Proverb. Vainglory blossoms, but never